(c) and (d) The amount earmarked and targets fixed for rural employment schemes/ programmes during 1996-97 are as under:—

Programme	Amount allocated (Rs in lakhs)	Physical targets
JRY	22015.00	444.97 (lakh mandays)
IRDP	10565.00	Physical targets are not fixed since 1996-97.

Apart from these, EAS aims to provide 100 days of assured employment to rural persons who are seeking employment but not finding it. However, since this is a demand driven scheme, neither physical targets nor allocation is fixed for any given financial year.

Seismological mapping of Indian Peninsular

2914. SMT. VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Earth Science Studies (CESS). Trivandrum has, in its recent report, concluded that the devastating earthquake in the Latur Killari region (Maharashtra) in 1993 was not a fresh tremor but a reactivation of quakes which took place long ago and has recommended detailed seismological mapping of peninsular India, to avoid further devastation of the type; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes Sir. The Centre for Earth Science Studies (CESS), Trivandrum on the basis of studies undertaken by its Scientists have recently concluded that the devastating earthquake in the Latur Killari region (Maharashtra) in 1993 was not a fresh tremor but a reactivation of quakes which took place long ago and have recommended detailed seismological mapping of peninsular India, to avoid further devastations of such type.

(b) Department of Science and Technology (DST) is implementing a major programme in the Sheild area entitled Seismological Instrumentation Upgradation and related Geophysical Studies in the Peninsular Shield area in a consortium mode since 1994. India Meteorological Department (IMD), Survey of India, Geological Survey of India, National Geophysical Research Institute and Bhaba Atomic Research Centre including a few academic institutions are participating in this project. Under the project, it is planned to upgrade the seismological observatories in the peninsular shield area and also carry out other geological and geophysical collateral studies for better understanding of the earthquake activity. IMD is operating a seismological observatory at Latur. It is also planned to set up a telemetered seismic cluster in Latur area for better location and detection of earthquakes.

Fixing up energy prices on Economic Considerations

2915. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Executive Director of Paris based International Energy Agency, India may not be able to have a secure energy policy unless its energy prices are based on economic consideration and with reliable statistical base/system as reported in the "Hindustan Times' dated 3rd December, 1996;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto when the country is World's fifth largest energy consumer; and

(c) whether the Fifth International Energy Conference is being held in Goa in December, 1996, if so, the details/ outcome of discussions/ decisions?